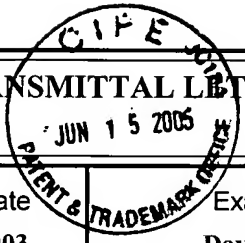


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Invention: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACKAGING ELONGATE SURGICAL DEVICES**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Examiner: Fidei, David

Art Group: 3728

**RESPONSE TO APRIL 14, 2005 OFFICE ACTION,  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, please enter the following election and amendments, and consider the following remarks. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time. Enclosed please find the appropriate fee for the extension request.

Please charge any deficit or credit any surplus to our Deposit Account No. 01-1960. A copy of this page is enclosed for this purpose.

**Election** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Election**

Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute Invention I, Claims 1-8, drawn to a package. Applicant has added herein new claims also drawn to a package and respectfully requests that said claims be examined on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.